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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-9, 13-29, and 31.

Please amend the claims as follow:

1. (Currently Amended) An expandable tubular coupling comprising:
a threaded male portion; and
a corresponding threaded female portion,
the threaded portions featuring thread profiles configured such that the coupling may be made up to a predetermined extent, and once made up to said predetermined extent may be made up no further, each threaded portion comprising:
a first part having a first thread profile, and
a second part having a second thread profile, the first thread profile having a different shape than the second thread profile, wherein the thread profiles are a combination of a square thread profile and a dovetail thread profile.

2-9. Cancelled.

10. (Currently Amended) An expandable tubular coupling as claimed in claim [[9]] 1, wherein the square profile is provided on a leading part of the male portion and the dovetail profile is provided on a trailing part of the male portion.

11. (Currently Amended) An expandable tubular coupling as claimed in claim [[9]] 1, wherein the square profile is provided on a trailing part of the female portion and the dovetail profile is provided on a leading part of the female portion.

12. (Previously Presented) An expandable tubular coupling as claimed in claim 11, wherein a square profile on a leading part of the male portion is adapted to mate with the dovetail profile on the leading part of the female portion.

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13-29. Cancelled.

30. (Previously Presented) An expandable tubular coupling comprising:
a threaded male portion; and
a corresponding threaded female portion,
the threaded portions featuring thread profiles configured such that the coupling may be made up to a predetermined extent, and once made up to said predetermined extent may be made up no further, wherein:
the thread profiles are a combination of a square thread profile and a dovetail thread profile;
the square profile is provided on a trailing part of the female portion and the dovetail profile is provided on a leading part of the female portion; and
a dovetail profile on a trailing part of the male portion is configured so as not to mate with the square profile on the trailing part of the female portion.

31. Cancelled.

Please add the following new claims:

32. (New) The expandable tubular coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein the change in thread profiles between the first part of the female portion and the second part of the female portion is abrupt.
33. (New) The expandable tubular coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein the change in thread profiles between the first part of the female portion and the second part of the female portion is gradual.
34. (New) The expandable tubular coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein the change in thread profiles between the first part of the female portion and the second part of the female portion is incremental.